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1. TEXT OF SECTION II OF FY-76 PARA PREPARED BY EA AND
NSC FOLLOWS:

POLITICAL-SECURITY

-- MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S., AS A PACIFIC POWER WITH
VITAL INTERESTS IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION, INTENDS

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TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE TOWARD PRESERVING PEACE

AND STABILITY IN THIS AREA. (KEEP IN MIND THAT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO SECURITY COMMITMENT TO MALAYSIA, THERE ARE, CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE ANZUS TREATY MIGHT APPLY - SEE SECTION I).

-- SUPPORT THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE FIVE-POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT FOR MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE (FPDA). WE WILL LEAVE THE PRIMARY BURDEN OF FPDA TO THE FIVE MEMBER STATES, BUT WILL IMPRESS ON THEM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS ARRANGEMENT AS A MEANS OF REINFORCING STABILITY IN THE MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE AREA.

-- CONTINUE A SMALL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO MALAYSIA IN ORDER TO ASSIST ITS EFFORTS TO EXPAND AND MODERNIZE ITS ARMED FORCES. THE PRIMARY INSTRUMENTS IN THIS SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL BE A SMALL MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM AND A MODEST LEVEL OF FMS CREDITS.

-- SCREEN CAREFULLY ANY MALAYSIAN REQUESTS FOR SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS, IN ORDER TO KEEP ARMS COMPETITION BETWEEN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, AND INDONESIA WITHIN MANAGEABLE LIMITS.

-- OPPOSE MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN EFFORTS TO BRING THE STRAIT OF MALACCA UNDER NATIONAL CONTROL, SINCE THE U.S. MAINTAINS THAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW THE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT APPLIES TO INTERNATIONAL STRAITS MORE THAN SIX MILES WIDE. AT THE SAME TIME, SEEK TO AVOID A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION, AND RELY PRIMARILY ON THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

-- ENCOURAGE MALAYSIA TO CONTINUE ITS ACTIVE ROLE IN ASEAN AND IN OTHER REGIONAL COOPERATION.

-- CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A NONCOMMITTAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ASEAN PROPOSAL FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN NEUTRALIZATION. WHEN THE SUBJECT IS RAISED, WE SHOULD STRESS THAT IN OUR VIEW THE SECURE INDEPENDENCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS IS AN ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION TO THE REALIZATION OF THE
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NEUTRALIZATION PROPOSAL.

-- CONTINUE TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG INFLUENTIAL MALAYSIANS OF AMERICAN POLICIES, CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS.

ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL

-- RELY ON INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS AND

OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE THE BULK OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MALAYSIA. LIMIT U.S. DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM AND SEVERAL SMALL REGIONAL AID PROJECTS.

-- GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE EXPANSION OF U.S. EXPORTS TO MALAYSIA.

-- PRESERVE THE FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR AN EXPANSION OF AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN MALAYSIA, PARTICULARLY IN PETROLEUM-RELATED FIELDS.

-- CONDUCT SALES FROM U.S. TIN AND RUBBER STOCKPILES IN A WAY THAT WILL AVOID DISRUPTION OF THE WORLD MARKET. UNDERTAKE FULL ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS WITH MALAYSIA AND OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES BEFORE MAKING ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN OUR STOCKPILE DISPOSAL PROGRAMS.

NARCOTICS

-- COOPERATE WITH MALAYSIA TO KEEP INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC UNDER CONTROL, PARTICULARLY THAT TRAFFIC DIRECTED TOWARD THE U.S.

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